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RE: Lawrence County - General
Section 106 Review - STB
The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment
of Hoxie, Arkansas to Walport, Arkansas.
AHPP Tracking No: 52471

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2004 regarding the above-referenced undertaking. We agree that this work will have no effect on historic properties if the three archeological sites (3LW358, 3LW363 and 3LW364) and two structures (LW0037 and LW0064) are avoided during project implementation. This office can provide information on the standing structures, but the locations of archeological sites can be provided only to a professional archeologist, due to the serious problems we have in Arkansas with site looting. Therefore, we recommend that a professional archeologist relocate the sites and assist the applicant in their successful avoidance.

Thank you for your interest and concern for the cultural heritage of Arkansas. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Imhoff of my staff at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

Ken Grunewald

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Dr. Ann M. Early, Arkansas Archeological Survey
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